

MR. ALLISON CONVINCED.
LIKELY TO BE HEAD OF THE TREASURY.

THE ASSERTION STRONGLY MADE THAT THE
STATE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN OFFERED
TO MR. BLAINE--OTHER PLACES IN THE
CABINET TO BE ASSIGNED TO NEW

YORK, PENNSYLVANIA, MICHIGAN,
THE PACIFIC SLOPE AND INDI-
ANA OR THE SOUTH-SENATOR
CULLOM CONSULTING WITH
GENERAL HARRISON.
[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]
Indianapolis, Jan. 27.—Senator Allison, backed
by Senator Cullom, of Illinois, has been in con-
ference all day with General Harrison, and there
is every reason to believe, short of an official an-

nouncement, that before Mr. Allison goes back to Washington to-morrow, he will accept absolutely the President-elect's offer of the Treasury Department. The Iowa Senator came here undecided whether he would go into the Cabinet or not. He was willing to look at the question separately and to yield, if necessary, his personal

preference for a Senatorial career to General Harrison's earnest desire to give the West the Secretaryship of the Treasury. There can be little doubt that the President-elect's insistence, both that the control of the Treasury should go West and that the Iowa Senator was the only Western man who could be put at the head of the Department, without friction in the East, has at least

prevailed, and that Mr. Allison has consented to yield his place in the Senate for a Cabinet portfolio. His acceptance of the Treasury portfolio is thought to complete the framework of the Cabinet. On the same confidential authority, on which it is stated that Mr. Allison will go back to Washington

under promise to be the next Secretary of the Treasury it is said that the Secretaryship of State has already gone to Mr. Blaine. Thus, it is said, the Cabinet is made a perfect balance. The same authority remarks that the difficulty so far has been with the West, but that the East and the West are now recognized in the two foremost Cabinet places, each by the selection of its most

representative Republican.

Around these two main props it is represented that the rest of the Cabinet can easily be built up. The best opinion to-night assigns the other five departments to Pennsylvania, New-York, Michigan, California and Indiana, or the South.

This skeleton of a Cabinet, it is understood, has been in General Harrison's mind since November. Late in that month—just about Thanksgiving

Day—Senator Allison came here for a talk over the situation, and there is good reason to believe that the President-elect asked him then to consider an offer of the Treasury Department. The idea of going into the Cabinet was distasteful to Mr. Allison, and he has been wavering between following his natural inclination to decline and yielding to the wish of General Harrison and the unanimous feeling of Western Republicans. The pressure finally became so strong that there was no resisting it, and the Iowa Senator made his trip out here to come to a decisive understanding with the next President.

Dispatches from Washington had failed to announce that Senator Cullom was to make the journey along with Senator Allison. The two pilgrims reached here about noon. The eastern train having been delayed somewhat by a snow storm a mile or two out of town, the sleeping car in which they were riding was boarded by a correspondent. The two Senators were sitting

ready to leave the train," but answered the question put to them good-naturedly. Senator Cul-
lom did most of the talking.

"Yes, we expect to go from the station right
out to General Harrison's. I shall stay at the
house until this evening, when I shall have to
take a train for my home, Springfield, Illinois.
Senator Allison will be General Harrison's guest
until to-morrow. He will not go any further
west than the town of Hannibal, Mo."

" Senator Allison came here to talk with the President-elect about the Cabinet; did he not?"

" Yes, I tell you frankly he did. I think Mr. Allison has not yet made up his mind about taking a Cabinet department. He will make up his mind before he goes. My own opinion is that he will accept."

Senator Allison smiled at this and said nothing.

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"The place General Harrison wants him to take is the Treasury?"

"Yes, that is the only department talked about."

Senator Allison was asked what he thought of the chances of the Tariff bill.

"That is practically dead now," he replied.

"The House has referred it to the Ways and Means

Committee, which will bury it. A tariff bill is not likely to pass at this session."

"Do you favor an extra session?"

"Yes, I think a failure of tariff legislation and many other things make an extra session necessary."

Senator Cullum took the same view of the case, and added that there was little doubt in

At the station the two Senators were met by Mr. Halford, General Harrison's private secretary. A cab was at once called and the visitors were driven through the snowstorm to the house of the President-elect. They got there just in time

down in the library for a solid talk over the political situation. About dark Senator Cullum came away, leaving the others still discussing the fortunes of the next Administration. Senator Cullum came down to the New Denison Hotel about an hour before the train was to start for his home. At the hotel he met Colonel H.

Mr. Cullom was willing to give his views freely when The Tribune's correspondent called on him.

"I have just left Senator Allison at General Harrison's house," he said. "I suppose everybody knows what his visit here means. I came along with him because I had been intending to make a trip to Springfield and found this a convenient time. I had not seen General Harrison since he left the Senate and was anxious to make

"It has been suggested that Senator Allison and yourself are here to consult with the President-elect on the Samoan question. Was that

"Not at all. We had no thought of that, but the subject did come up and there was a little conversation on it. It is largely a question with which the next Administration will have to deal. I do not think much will be done in the matter until after March 4. I think that the United States is not to be brickbatted out of the Samoan